

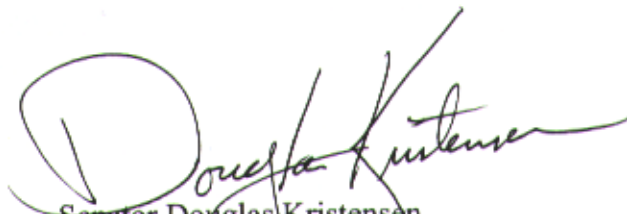
opportunity, and we cannot begin to improve the services that they are entitled to without the appropriate funding. The failure of Congress to fully fund special education programs forces the reduction of funds for other vital state and local programs.

We respectfully request that you honor the congressional commitment and appropriate additional funds up to the maximum allowable amount for special education programs in Nebraska.

Sincerely,



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Chairman, Executive Board
Nebraska Unicameral Legislature



Senator Douglas Kristensen
Speaker of the Legislature
Nebraska Unicameral Legislature



Senator Ron Raikes
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Chairman, Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Tom Osborne
The Honorable Lee Terry